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We would appreciate the commissioners' attention given to a rapidly developing business located southwest of Hamilton at 233 Roaring Lion Rd. This property is adjacent to our property at 251 Roaring Lion Rd. Our concerns are regarding the noise nuisance and the potential for hazardous waste compromising ground water and wetlands.

Up until 6 months ago, small log processing was the only business. Now an additional developing business has grown to include several outbuildings, numerous tents, and various pieces of heavy equipment. The residents of the Roaring Lion Rd. neighborhood are being forced to tolerate the high pitched back-up warning beeps of the machinery and semi-trucks which have been heard almost daily including some Saturdays and evenings. This new business will involve the production of plastic reinforcement for concrete in a large metal building. We can only imagine what further noise will be created from the operating machinery in that building and delivery trucks. We would appreciate your attention to this nuisance.

Our greatest concern is the effect this growing business might have on the quality of the ground water. At our property line, there are several 55-gallon drums. We do not know what these contain, or did contain. The accumulation of heavy equipment and the production of plastic are a concern for hazardous waste. Where will it go?

It is our understanding that for 30 years this particular area was unable to acquire a permit to build a small A-frame part-time cabin due to failure of the ground to meet the Sanitation Department's requirements for a septic system. There is a small subdivision going in about a quarter mile south and southeast of this business. Designated wetlands are also close in proximity. This site is in serious need of a thorough inspection by the Sanitation Officer, the EPA, and/or the DEQ.

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As members of this residential neighborhood located in a forested area, it is also our concern that it is being transformed into a private industrial concern.

These concerns effect not only us, as adjacent property owners, but all of the Roaring Lion community and possibly, the Bitterroot River. We would ask your immediate attention in visiting this site.

Thank you. Your time and consideration are appreciated.

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